

**Responses to Comments Received During the Public Notice Period  
Regarding Draft WPCP NEV0086014 for the Placer Turquoise Ridge  
Inc. (PTRI) (Getchell Gold) Mining Project**

**Comments from PTRI received by e-mail**

PTRI Comment f1: Main Pit Area wells PW-2, DW-2, and DW-3 are not active.

NDEP Response: Proposed monitoring wells under section 1.2.6.7 of the permit renewal application to provide background water quality for the entire mine site. NDEP concurs with proposed wells and the need to develop background water quality for the entire mine site. Therefore, these wells were left in the permit.

PTRI Comment f2: Include heap leach drain-down ports HLD-01 (north evap pond), HLD 02 (central evap pond), and HLD-03 (south evap pond).

NDEP Response: NDEP has added these monitoring points to the permit.

PTRI Comment f3: No overflow pond remaining. All ponds were converted to evap/draindown management ponds.

NDEP Response: NDEP removed this item from the permit.

PTRI Comment f4: Heap is in closure. No BS or PS to sample. Use HEP for draindown chemistry?

NDEP Response: BS and PS were removed and HEP added for draindown chemistry.

PTRI Comment f5: Wasterock chemistry should be broken out by mine.

NDEP Response: Wasterock was broken out by mine, Turquoise Ridge and Getchell Underground.

PTRI Comment f6: Does Section II.B.3.c of the permit exclude treated mine service water and potable water release/spills?

NDEP Response: This requirement II.B.3.c is only applicable to solution containing a pollutant.

**Other Changes to the Water Pollution Control Permit (WPCP)**

Part I.D.7 – Added flow in gpd to fulfill program requirements.

Part I.D.13 - Hansen Creek upstream and downstream were removed from this permit and incorporated into WPCP NEV0095113 where the requirement is more appropriate.